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SUBJECT:MANLEY'S CHARGE THAT "REACTIONARY FORCES"

ATTEMPTED TO POISON D. K. DUNCAN

1. AMBASSADOR STEDMAN CALLED IN JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 21 TO EXPRESS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE RECENT COURSE OF EVENTS IN KINGSTON AND IN PARTICULAR TO EXPRESS CHAGRIN OVER THE CHARGES IMPLIED IN NOVEMBER 12 STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER REGARDING THE ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO POISON D. K. DUNCAN.

2. AMBASSADOR STEDMAN INDICATED OUR DISMAY AT THE APPARENT LINK DRAWN BY THE PRIME MINISTER BETWEEN THE ALLEGED ATTEMPT ON DUNCAN'S LIFE AND THE ARTICLE IN PENTHOUSE MAGAZINE WHICH APPEARED IN EARLY NOVEMBER. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN USG/GOJ RELATIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A PUBLIC CLARIFICATION OF THE
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PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT TO BE MADE.

3. AMBASSADOR RATTRAY, WHO WAS QUITE OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS, SAID HE WAS "DISAPPOINTED" THAT WE HAD INTERPRETED THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT SO NEGATIVELY. HE REFERRED TO THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS OF THE

PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED ADMIRATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WHICH HE SUPPOSED WOULD HAVE MADE CLEAR TO ANYONE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS NOT REFERRING TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

4. AMBASSADOR RATTRAY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, HE HAD TO PRESUME THAT MANLEY WAS REFERRING TO REACTIONARY GROUPS IN JAMAICA WHICH HAVE STRONG TIES TO PRIVATE CONSERVATIVE GROUPS IN THE U.S. RATTRAY SAID HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY OF THIS CONVERSATION. HABIB

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